

Academy Council Meeting

When : 17th September 2026 at 09.15am

Present

Sarah Wright , Assistant Principal
Laura Strutt, Chair of Academy Council
Jo Brown, Link Director for MPA
Rachel Davey, Office Manager (taking minutes)

General Parent Concerns/Queries

1, Update : The following comment were raised by parents/carers.

2, Communications : Point was raised that new parents had struggled to access MCAS and after-school clubs. Parents are happy with the diary dates on the website. Sarah and Rachel explained that until pupils are actually on roll at MPA we are unable to add to our MIS system Bromcom due to data protection laws.

The following items were raised by Laura Strutt, Chair of Academy Council only

1, Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026 Digital Safeguarding &

AI: Laura was interested how school were dealing with this new technology. Sarah explained all MPA staff receive regular updates and are kept up to date of changes. For AI we follow the Trust guidance and only use Gemini. Mobile phones are allowed on site but must be stored in the office at all times during the day. The Trust has a strict IT filtering and monitoring system in place that restricts pupil access and flags up any searches of inappropriate material. Laura asked about the possibility of PC Goodwin coming back into school to talk to parents and Sarah said this was something we could definitely look into.

2, Parking Safety: Laura spoke about the parking issues outside school. Parents feedback that they liked the increased staff presence and thought a good home activity would be for pupils to design a 'No Parking



'poster. Sarah shared that the traffic police had been coming to patrol regularly and speaking to parents.

ACTION - office to regularly send out parent texts reminding about parking safely.

3, Cycling Proficiency: Parents had enquired about cycling proficiency. Sarah explained the school are looking into various provisions and logistics. Once this is confirmed we will notify parents.

AOB

To promote further the Academy Council . Sarah suggested a poster to advertise the role of the academy council and the purpose of the meetings.

Next meeting : 12th November 2026